

REMARKS

Claims 43-51, 56-61, and 69-70 are rejected. Claims 43-51, 56-61, 64, and 69-70 are cancelled herein. Claims 36-41, 52-55, 62-63, and 65-67 are now pending. The above amendments and the following remarks are considered by Applicants to overcome each rejection raised by the Examiner and to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner rejected the claims 43-51, 56-61, and 69-70 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have cancelled these claims, and therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claim rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected the claims 43-51, 56-61, and 69-70 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over the cited prior art. Applicants have cancelled these claims, and therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

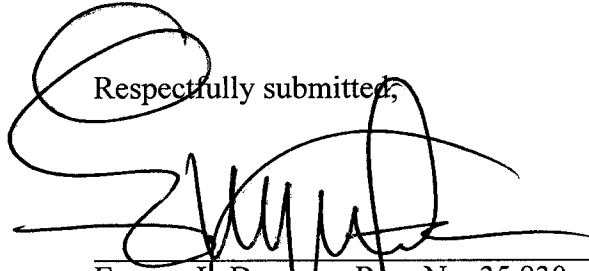
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 36, 38-41, 52-55,¹ and 62-67 are allowed. Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the prior art of record does anticipate these claims or render them obvious. In the interest of furthering prosecution of this case, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims to expedite acquisition of rights in the disclosed invention. In so doing, Applicant does not agree nor imply acquiescence to any argument that the prior art of record invalidates any of the cancelled or amended claims, nor that the Examiner's basis for patentability of the claimed invention is the only basis. Applicant expressly reserves the right to further prosecute these claims, or any other claims supported by the disclosure of the present application, in one or more continuing applications.

¹ The Examiner states that "claims 36, 38-41, 52-**56**, and 62-67" are allowed. Based on the Examiner's rejections, Applicants presume that "56" is a typo and that the Examiner intended to use the number "55."

An early action on the merits of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eugene LeDonne', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping loops.

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